10% of their capacity deployed on the specified trunk routes.

मध्य प्रदेश से देश के विभिन्न स्थानों के लिए विमान सेवा

2419. **श्री नारायण प्रसाद गुप्ता:**
श्री गोविन्दराम मिरी:

क्या नागर विमानन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश से हैदराबाद, मद्रास, त्रिवेंद्रम, बंगलौर, अहमदाबाद और कलकत्ता के लिए सीधी विमान सेवा उपलब्ध है;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो ये सेवाएं कब तक उपलब्ध हो जायेंगी;

(ग) क्या मध्य प्रदेश में भी अंतर्राष्ट्रीय विमान सेवा का विस्तार करने से संबंधित कोई प्रावधान किया गया है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

नागर विमानन मंत्री तथा सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री सी० एम० इब्राहीम): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) इंडियन एयरलाइन्स की फिलहाल मध्य प्रदेश से हैदराबाद, मद्रास, त्रिवेंद्रम, बंगलौर, अहमदाबाद और कलकत्ता के लिए सीधी सेवा आरंभ करने की कोई योजनाएं नहीं हैं। तथापि, दिल्ली और मुम्बई के रास्ते इन स्टेशनों के लिए मध्य प्रदेश से सुविधाजनक सम्पर्क प्रदान किये गये हैं।

(ग) जी, नहीं।

(घ) यह प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Renovation of Kumbirgram Airport of Assam

2420. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the essential services/facilities to the passengers are not available at Kumbirgram Airport, Silchar in the state of Assam;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government for immediate renovation/improvement of essential services and facilities of the said Airport in view of the escalation of plane fare recently; and

(c) whether Government would clarify as to which authority amongst Civil Aviation and defence would get the developmental works executed and the reasons for not settling long standing dispute between the said two authorities?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Kumbirgram Airport is controlled by the Ministry of Defence and Airport Authority of India (AAI) maintains a civil enclave. Expansion and modification of the terminal building at an estimated cost of Rs. 3.87 crores has been taken-up and is expected to be completed by January, 1998. On commissioning, the new terminal will cater to 300 passengers at a time. Navigational aids such as Very High Frequency Omni Range, Distance Measuring of Equipment and Precision Approach Path Indicator have been installed by AAI at this airport.

(c) There is no dispute between defence and civilian authorities. While the control of the airport is with Defence authorities, developmental works relating to passenger facilitation are handled by AAI.

Air service between Delhi and State Capitals of North-East Region

2421. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some direct air service has been provided between Delhi and State Capitals of North-Eastern Region; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor with steps to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMA-

TION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) Out of the seven State Capitals of North-Eastern region, at present, only Guwahati and Imphal are directly connected by Indian Airlines with Delhi. Convenient connections have, however, been provided by Indian Airlines over Calcutta for the passengers desirous of travelling between Agartala and Delhi. The runways at Shilong, Itanagar, Kohima and Aizwal, at present, are not suitable for operation by aircraft type available in the fleet of Indian Airlines. However, private operators are being encouraged to add more stations in their network including these stations.

Disinvestment of the equity capital in AI and IA

2422. DR. B. B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to disinvest the equity capital in Air India and Indian Airlines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the percentage of equity capital proposed to be disinvested;

(d) whether any plan has been drawn up for the expansion of Air India and Indian Airlines in the context of disinvestment; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (e) Air India Limited figures in the list of 40 Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) referred by the Government to the Disinvestment Commission for drawing up a comprehensive and long term disinvestment programme for these PSEs.

At present, there is no proposal to disinvest the equity capital in Indian Airlines.

मध्य प्रदेश में सिंगरौलिया हवाई-पट्टी का समतलीकरण किया जाना और उसके चारों ओर बाड़ (फेंसिंग) लगाया जाना

2423. **श्री जगन्नाथ सिंह:** क्या नागर विमानन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि जिला सीधी (मध्य प्रदेश के वैढन (सिंगरौली) में सिंगरौलिया हवाई पट्टी हेतु भूमि के समतलीकरण और बाड़ लगाने का कार्य पूरा कर लिया गया है;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि इंडियन एयरलाइन्स, एयर इंडिया और भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण से स्वीकृति प्राप्त कर लेने के बाद भी इस हवाई पट्टी का निर्माण कार्य पूरा नहीं किया गया है; और

(ग) शीघ्र विमान-सेवा आरम्भ करने हेतु उपर्युक्त विषय के संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है?

नागर विमानन मंत्री तथा सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री सी० एम० इब्राहीम): (क) से (ग) सिंगरौलिया हवाई पट्टी मध्य प्रदेश राज्य सरकार की है। भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकारण की इस हवाई पट्टी के विकास की कोई योजनाएं नहीं हैं।

Installation of Superior Quality Transponders at Indian Airports

2424. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the installation of superior quality transponders could have averted the recent collision between a Saudi Arab Airways plane and a Kazhakistan plane resulting in heavy loss of lives;

(b) if so, the reasons for the non-installation of such transponders at Indian Airports; and

(c) other measures proposed to avert tragedies of such nature in future?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM): (a) Reasons for this accident are being investigated by a